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Argentina or Bust!

(14-24 April 2004)



Why Argentina?

- Lots of LU QSOs in the past few years
- QSL manager for several LU stations
- Several LU friends invited me to visit and stay with them
- Before this trip, I never traveled to other countries beyond border areas in Canada and Mexico
- Very affordable, compared to other places
- Put my Spanish skills to a 10-day test
- Time to put more than Mexican and Canadian stamps in my passport

Easy paperwork for visiting LU

- For US citizens, only a passport and air ticket needed to enter the country as a tourist - no visas, fingerprints, etc. like other countries currently require
- For ham radio, an IARP (\$10/year from ARRL) is sufficient, or local permit is an option (free, up to 60 days) - I had both

Heading to Buenos Aires (14 April)

- America West HP558 to Miami (4.5 hours)
- 5-hour layover in Miami
- United UA855 to Ezeiza airport, outside Buenos Aires (overnight, 9 hours)
- 90 minutes to clear Immigration and Customs (1000 people, 8 Immigration inspectors - only 4 working with foreigners)
- Bienvenidos a la Argentina!

My LU welcome party



Claudio LU7DW

- Met me in Ezeiza arrival hall, wearing his CADXA T-shirt and holding a sign with “LU/WD9EWK”
- Lives halfway between downtown Buenos Aires & Ezeiza airport
- Married to Nélidea LW8EXF

Claudio's QTH - and my “home” for 2 days



Villa Celina, west of downtown Buenos Aires

Off to Buenos Aires...



Casa Rosada



Plaza de Mayo

... and don't forget the dinner...



("Follow the Cow")



All-you-can-eat beef, US\$ 7.85 per person!!

... among (new) friends.



WD9EWK, LW8EXF, LU1AEE, LU8ADX, LU7DW

Dinnertime group

(along with WD9EWK and LU7DW)



Nélide LW8EXF



Diego LU8ADX



Fábian LU1AEE

Day 2 - visiting some hams outside Buenos Aires



Horacio LU5ER



LU5ER's QTH/store

LU5ER station



One more ham to meet...



Oscar LU5EVK, at work

... before leaving Buenos Aires...

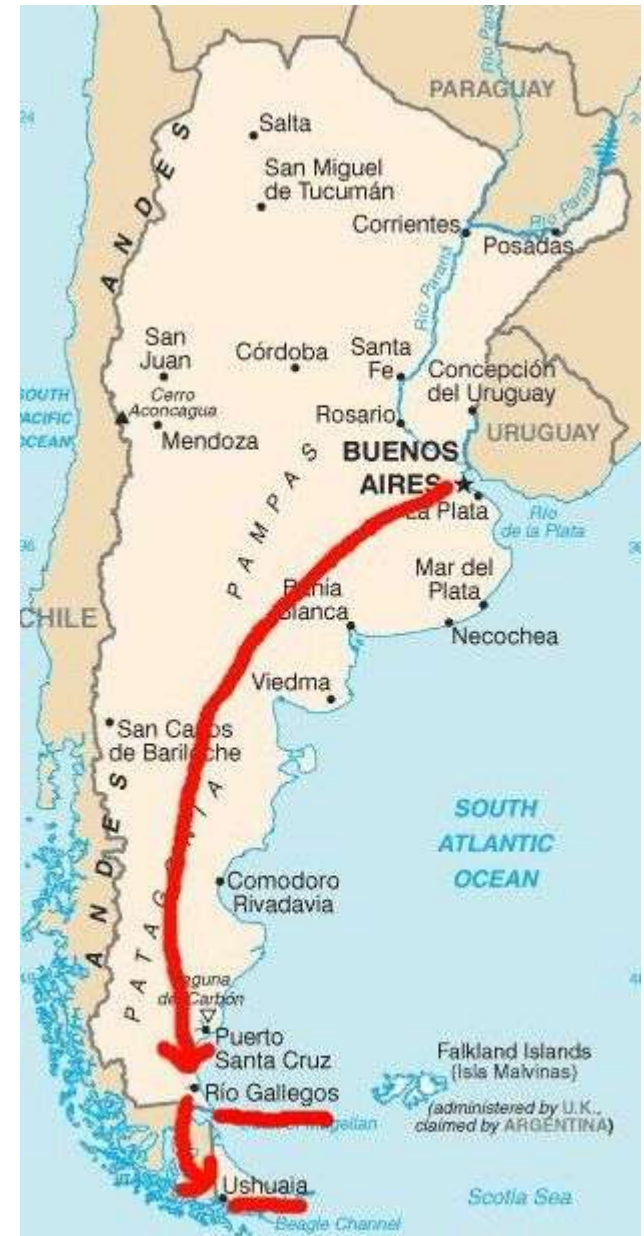


My flight to Ushuaia, pulling away from terminal
at *Aeroparque*, airport north of downtown

... on day 3 for Ushuaia.

Aerolineas Argentinas AR1896

- Three hours from *Aeroparque*, north of downtown Buenos Aires, to Rio Gallegos
- 60-minute delay at Rio Gallegos
- 45 minutes to Ushuaia
- Bilingual flight crew, edible meal, and free beverage service including beer!!!



Bienvenidos a Ushuaia!



Julián LU3XQ, Néstor LU9XP, and Pablo LU6XV;
outside baggage claim area at Ushuaia airport

Where is Ushuaia?



1887 miles to Buenos Aires & 3211 miles to Bolivian border by road, 6629 miles (by air) to Glendale AZ!

Saturday night dinner...



Dinner at the LU8XW
club shack in Ushuaia,
after my flight



... well into the night!

Argentines like to eat dinner late - 9pm is considered early. Dinner at the club went until almost 2am, then a night-time tour around Ushuaia and more conversation meant Saturday didn't end until 6am Sunday!

My “home” in Ushuaia



Home of Pablo LU6XV & family, Ushuaia

My hosts in Ushuaia



Clockwise from top: Pablo LU6XV, wife MariJo,
son Emilio, and daughter Josefina

Around Ushuaia



More photos of the city



Ham towers around Ushuaia



Ham tower next to an
apartment building



Ham tower, near
airport

Julián
LU3XQ



Néstor LU9XP



Cosme, or “Pupi” LU8XP



Luis LU6XTA



Parque Nacional



Entrance to the Tierra del Fuego National Park,
a few miles west of Ushuaia on route 3.

Around the park...



Bahia Lapataia



Pier for boats to
Isla Redonda

... seeing the sights ...



Isla Redonda (SA-049)



Rio Pipo

... before reaching ...



Looking northwest,
toward Chile

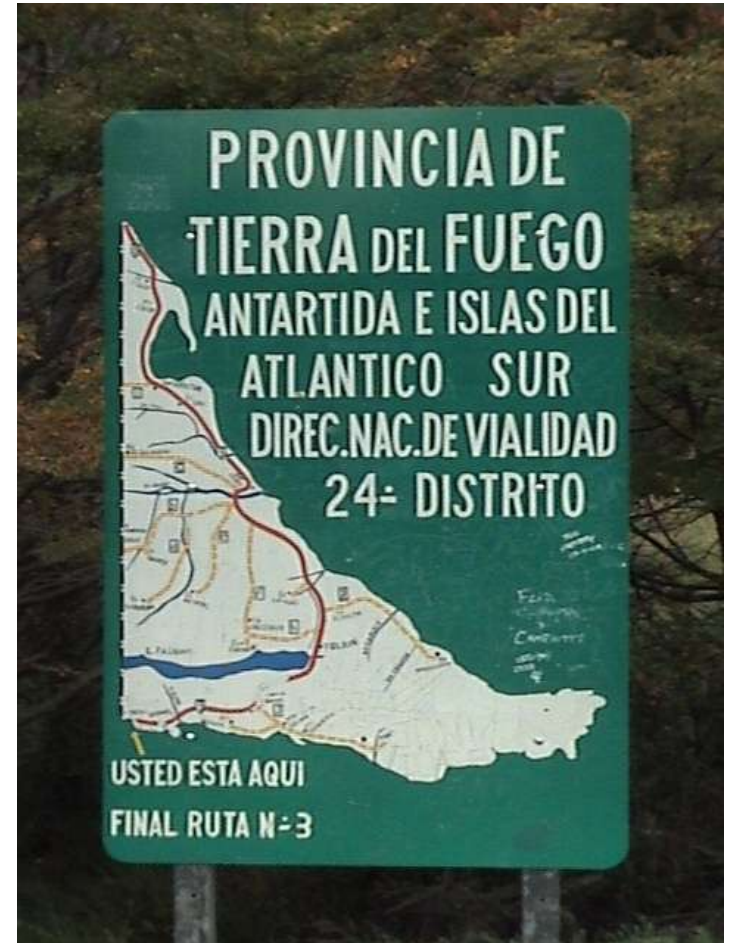


Tren del Fin del Mundo
(End-of-the-World Train)

... the end of the road!



End of route 3 -
1903 miles to Buenos Aires,
11804 miles to Alaska!



North from Ushuaia...



Sign on route 3, heading
north from Ushuaia



Route 3, in the mountains
north of Ushuaia

... to Lago Escondido



Lago Escondido, from
lookout on route 3



Hosteria Petrel, at
Lago Escondido

End of the lake, start of a river



People at Hosteria Petrel,
at Lago Escondido



Start of Rio Milna

And, of course, some radio time!
(Wednesday evening, 21 April)



LU8XW station

- Club founded in 1985
- Kenwood TS-870 with TL-922 amplifier
- Yaesu FT-101
- 12m (39 feet) tower with triband Yagi & 80m dipole
- 18m (59 feet) tower with JVP-34DX 4-element triband Yagi and Cushcraft A50-3 3-element 6m Yagi - LU8XW's original tower, installed in 1986 and moved to new spot in 2004
- 30m (98 feet) tower with JVP-340 3-element 40m Yagi, installed in 2002 - part of tower previously used by local affiliate for *Radio Nacional*
- Building, electricity, phone provided by city government

LU/WD9EWK, on the air...



LU/WD9EWK, 20m PSK31
from the LU8XW station



Pablo LU6XV & WD9EWK,
for a photo at LU8XW

Not many QSOs for LU/WD9EWK

- 12 on 20m PSK31 (CX, DL, EA, G, LU, OH, W) from Ushuaia on evening of 21 April - plus 2m FM simplex QSOs throughout the week with local hams
- Crummy propagation - but good pizza, beer, and conversation with hams at the club
- Must make more time for radio, next trip!


LU/WD9EWK

QSL Card



Operator:
Patrick STODDARD

WD9EWK / VA7EWK







LU/WD9EWK

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Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego

LU/WD9EWK

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CQ 13 - ITU 16 - Grid FD55 - IOTA SA008



QTH: Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego
(at LU8XW club station)

QSL VIA **WD9EWK**

TNX: LU7DW, LW8EXF, LU8ADX,
LU5EVK, LU6XV, LU8XW, LU3XQ,
LU6XTA, LU8XP, LU9XP, W3FF,
and KM3200 Viajes (Ushuaia)



Confirming QSO with	Date			UTC	MHz	RS(T)	2-WAY
	Day	Month	Year				
SAMPLE							

Two cards were waiting for me when I returned home on 24 April - so I made a 2-sided QSL card for my few QSOs from Argentina.

Before leaving Ushuaia...



One of many pizzas by
Luis LU6XTA



Angel LU2XPN with
Quilmes beer

Pizza group (Thursday, 22 April)



Seated: Alberto LU6XQ, Luis LU6XTA, Angel LU2XPN, Néstor LU9XP, WD9EWK. Standing: Luis LU9XT, Pablo LU6XV

Time to leave Ushuaia (Friday, 23 April)



Aeropuerto Internacional Ushuaia "Malvinas Argentinas"
(6 "gates", 2 jetways, 1 runway parallel to Beagle Channel)

Three flights over 26 hours

- Aerolineas Argentinas AR1892 direct to Ezeiza airport near Buenos Aires (3 hours)
- Eat dinner with Claudio LU7DW & Nélida LW8EXF at Ezeiza airport during 3-hour layover
- United UA854 to Miami (9 hours, overnight)
- Almost 6 hours between flights at Miami
- America West HP557 to Phoenix (5 hours)
- Taxes - US\$ 5 at Ushuaia airport, US\$ 18 more at Ezeiza airport

Souvenirs for my passport

- Argentine entry stamp (15 April)
- Argentine exit stamp (23 April)
- US entry stamp, at Miami (24 April)
- All on first blank page for visas and stamps, despite having other stamps from VE & XE



Thank-yous...

Buenos Aires area: Claudio LU7DW, Nélide LW8EXF, Diego LU8ADX, Julio LU4DJC, Fábían LU1AEE, Horacio LU5ER, Oscar LU5EVK

Ushuaia: Pablo LU6XV and family, Néstor LU9XP, Julián LU3XQ, “Pupi” LU8XP, Luis LU6XTA, Luis LU9XT, KM3200 Viajes (travel agency), and the members of Radio Club Ushuaia LU8XW

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